

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-10: (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (new): A hand-operated crusher for cutting up ice, comprising:

(a) a housing able to be placed over the ice to be cut up and comprising an upper part and a lower part;

(b) a vertical rod guided in the housing upper part, the rod being downwardly displaceable against the force of a spring by means of an actuating mechanism having a push button; and

(c) a knife attached to the lower end of the vertical rod, the knife being provided with a toothed cutter at a lower edge.

Claim 12 (new): The crusher of claim 11, wherein the housing lower part is a beaker-like housing having a closed lower, base, end and is detachably connected to the housing upper part at an upper end.

Claim 13 (new): The crusher of claim 11, wherein the knife has a maximal vertical path that is limited by the actuating device and wherein the height of the knife, the height of the housing lower part and the maximal vertical path of the knife are selected such that the cutter, at its lowermost position, does not contact the base of housing upper part, whereby an air gap exists between a lower edge of the cutter and the base of housing upper part.

Claim 14 (new): The crusher of claim 11, wherein the toothed cutter comprises teeth having a cutting angle of between 30 and 100°.

Claim 15 (new): The crusher of claim 14, wherein the teeth are ground on one side and have a cutting angle of 45°.

Claim 16 (new): The crusher of claim 14, wherein the teeth are ground on both sides and have a cutting angle of 90° .

Claim 17 (new): The crusher of claim 11, wherein the toothed cutter comprises teeth that are alternately bent laterally out of a vertical plane of the knife.

Claim 18 (new): The crusher of claim 11, wherein the toothed cutter comprises teeth that are bent out of the vertical plane of the knife twisted about their vertical axis, whereby tips of the teeth essentially still lie in the vertical plane, thereby increasing a breaking-apart effect on chopping.

Claim 19 (new): The crusher of claim 11, wherein the housing upper part may be removed and replaced by a shaker attachment detachably connected to the housing lower part in an essentially fluid-tight manner.

Claim 20 (new): The crusher of claim 19, wherein the housing lower part widens towards an upper region at an angle α and the shaker attachment comprises a sidewall which tapers towards a lower region at an angle β and merges into a cone at a top region, and wherein the diameter of the upper region of the housing lower part and the diameter of the lower region of the sidewall are matched to one another such that the shaker attachment may be inserted into the housing lower part approximately up to the transition of the sidewall into the cone thereby sealing the crusher to fluids.

Claim 21 (new): The crusher of claim 20, wherein the angles α and β are between 1° and 15° .

Claim 22 (new): The crusher of claim 21, wherein the angles α and β are 4° .

Claim 23 (new): The crusher of claim 11, further comprising an underlay adapted to the housing lower part.

Claim 24 (new): The crusher of claim 23, wherein the underlay is manufactured of a soft, anti-slip elastomer.

Claim 25 (new): The crusher of claim 24, wherein the underlay is manufactured of silicone.

Claim 26 (new): The crusher of claim 23, wherein the underlay comprises a peripherally thickened circumferential edge bead.